



ELECTRONIC MEETING AGENDA

CHILD WELFARE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT PANEL

LEGISLATURE Friday, October 22, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. | Room 445 Capitol Building

As authorized by Utah Code, Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act, and in accordance with Joint Rule 1-4-402, this meeting will be conducted electronically to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

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- the location where the public body would meet is ordered closed to the public for health or safety reasons.

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1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the September 2, 2020, meeting

2. Guardian Ad Litem

Utah Code Section 62A-4-207 requires the Panel to “examine and observe the process and execution of laws governing the child welfare system by the executive branch and the judicial branch” and “receive recommendations from...and make recommendations to...the Office of Guardian Ad Litem....” In accordance with this charge, the Panel will receive a report from the Guardian Ad Litem Oversight Committee on the committee’s statutory duty to ensure that “the Office of Guardian Ad Litem complies with state and federal law, regulation, policy, and court rules.” The Guardian Ad Litem Oversight Committee was established by the Judicial Council as required by statute.

3. Child Fatality Review

Utah Code Section 62A-16-302 directs the panel to review Fatality Review Committee Reports and Agency Responses for individuals who had an open case for child welfare services within one year of death. The meeting will be closed for a portion of this agenda item in order for the panel to discuss the reports and agency responses. Following the closed portion of the meeting, the meeting will be reopened to the public for any further discussion and action by the panel.

- Jennifer Mendelson, Fatality Review Coordinator, Utah Department of Human Services
- Motion to close the meeting to the public pursuant to Utah Code Subsection 52-4-205(2)(b) for the purpose of reviewing child welfare related Fatality Review Committee Reports and Agency Responses

Closed portion of meeting

- Jennifer Mendelson, Fatality Review Coordinator, Utah Department of Human Services
- Panel discussion

Meeting reopened to the public

- Public comment
- Committee discussion/action



4. Adjourn